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Skill Development Programmes for Hilly Areas
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether any skill development programmes are currently running which are specific to the requirements of hilly States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government aims to introduce skill development programs on mountain specific skills such as glaciology, botany, water conservation, renewable energy etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with by which it will be introduced?

Answer

(a) & (b) Yes Madam, Government is implementing Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY-2016-20) as a flagship Skill Certification Scheme which enables a large number of Indian youth to take up skill training (fresh training and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)) for securing employment and a better livelihood in the country. This scheme promotes inclusivity with the objective to safeguard the skilling needs of people living in difficult geographical pockets including hilly areas. The Special Projects component of PMKVY will facilitate trainings in special areas and/or premises of Government bodies, Corporates or Industry bodies, and trainings in special job roles. several relaxation/incentives have been given to training partner as well as prospective candidates for imparting training in the hilly regions covering Jammu & Kashmir and 8 N-E states. Processes of mandatory enrolment of candidates solely based upon Aadhaar Number have been eased and in place of Aadhaar, Voter ID has been accepted. Scheme incentiveses Training Centres (TCs) for facilitating placement of trained candidates. Additionally, post placement supports at the rate of Rs1450 per month are provided to women, candidates from special areas and for PwDs. Training payouts would be made to TCs on the basis of milestones namely; 30% on commencement of training, 50% on successful certification and last 20% would be made after wage employment or self employment to at least 70% of the trained candidates. An allowance for boarding and lodging up to a maximum of Rs. 300 per trainee per day are provided. When the relevant curriculum for QP/job role made by SSCs are not de?ned, the concerned Project Implementing Agency (PIA) in this special areas in consultation with specific Sector Skill Council can develop the curriculum with good demand for employment/ self employment with keeping abreast of region/local needs.

Under PMKVY, 1139 Training Centres under short-run training and 55 Training Centres under RPL are empanelled for impart skill training in the hilly States of Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Uttrakhand and West Bengal.

(c) & (d) Yes Madam, Government provides mountain specific skills in the areas of Botany, water conservation and renewable energy. The details of the skill specific programme are given under:

Botany Water conservation Renewable energy
Florist Watershed Engineer Solar PV Installer (Suryamitra)
Flower Handler â€" Packaging & Palletising Watershed Supervisor Solar PV Installer − Electrical
Nursery worker Watershed Manager Solar PV Installer − Civil
Floriculturist - Open cultivation Watershed Assistant Industrial Solar Thermal Plant Maintenance Technician
Floriculturist - Protected cultivation Wastewater Treatment Plant Technician Solar Pump technician
Forest Nursery Raiser Wastewater Treatment Plant Helper Solid Waste Segregator
Medicial Plants Grower Water Quality Testing Technician Recycling Technician
Quality Seed Grower Village Water Technician Biomedical Waste Segregator
Organic Grower Watershed Consultant Solar Pump technician